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Sir:

Entry of this communication in response to the Office Action dated October 18, 2001, the response time to which has been extended until February 18, 2002 by a concurrently filed Request for a One-Month Extension of time and fee, is respectfully requested.

In the claims:

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3 1. (Amended) A billiard cue comprising:
4 a shaft having a wall with an outer surface and a tip end and an
5 opposed end, a hollow bore extending from the tip end for at least a predetermined distance along the length of the shaft toward the opposed end to reduce the mass of the tip end to minimize cue ball deflection on impact with the cue.

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1 6. (Amended) The billiard cue of claim 5 wherein the bore
2 extends to an end located from about 4 to about 5 inches from the tip end of the shaft.

1 7. (Amended) The billiard cue of claim 3 wherein:
2 the bore extends for up to at least 10 to 12 inches from the tip end.

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